(b) To bring about the Economic and Social enpowerment of women.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The main policy of the Government to make rural women more prosperous as well as self reliant professionally is through convergence of various schemes of the Government through Indira Mahila Yojana.

Statement

Implementation of Mahila Samriddhi Yojana by Shri Janardan Yadav to be answered on 19.7.96

Rank	States/UTs	No. of A/cs opened (fig. in lacs)	No. of tribal A/cs opened (Prog.) (in lacs)
A. States			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22.83	0.808
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.03	0.003
3.	Assam	13.67	3.658
4.	Bihar	6.74	1.493
5.	Delhi	0.04	-
6.	Goa	0.32	-
7.	Gujarat	7.61	1.720
8.	Haryana	4.46	-
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1.35	0.081
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.51	-
11.	Karnataka	12.88	0.672
12.	Kerala	4.62	0.336
13.	Madhya Pradesh	29.83	7.653
14.	Maharashtra	6.75	1.882
15.	Manipur	0.15	0.039
16.	Meghalaya	0.04	0.037
17.	Mizoram	0.12	0.120
18.	Nagaland	0.03	0.027
19.	Orissa	6.20	3.231
20.	Punjab	4.93	-
21.	Rajasthan	5.02	0.741
22.	Sikkim	0.11	-
23.	Tamil Nadu	21.79	0.415
24.	Tripura	0.32	0.027
25.	Uttar Pradesh	23.65	1.268
26.	West Bengal	5.42	1.143
B. Union Territories			
1.	Andaman & N. Island	0.05	0.009
2.	Chandigarh	0.09	-
3.	D & N Haveli	0.02	0.021
4.	Daman & Diu	0.02	0.011
5.	Lakshadweep	0.01	0.014
6.	Pondicherry	0.19	-
	Total	179.81	25.399

National Annual Award for Women

678.SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to provide due status to women especially that in their role of a mother and housewife, Government have considered the desirability of introducing a National Annual Award on Women's Day every year, to be named in a suitable manner such as "The Mother of the year Award";

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter;

(c) whether similar awards are also proposed to be introduced at the State and District levels; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Compensation to the victims of railway accident

679. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have paid any compensation to the victims of the railway accident in Cheppad, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the amount paid to the family of the victims including the injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No compensation has been paid. However, a sum of Rs. 1,84,000/- has been paid as ex-gratia to the families of killed and to the injured.

Increasing Milk Production

680. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of milk in the country particularly in the State of Punjab at present;

(b) what is the total demand/requirement of milk in the country;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for increasing the milk production in the State of Punjab; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The anticipated total production of milk in the State of Punjab is about 6.7 million tonnes as against the 66.3 million tonnes in the country during 1995-96.

(b) As per the nutritional requirement of 220 gm/head/day, the total milk requirement in the country during 1995-96 was estimated to be about 73.9 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) Besides State Government programmes, following Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented to enhance the milk production in Punjab:

(1) Extension of Forzen Semen Technology & Progeny Testing programme.

(2) Assistance to States for feed and fodder development.

(3) National project on rinderpest eradication.

(4) Assistance to States for control of animal diseases.

(5) National bull production programme.

(6) Professional efficiency Development.

Visit of interdisciplinary team to Bedgaon village in U.P.

681.SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to UQ 958 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th March, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the proposed visit of the interdisciplinary team to village Bedgaon has taken place;

(b) if so, the findings of the team and the response of the villagers to accept the new farming techniques;

(c) if reply to Part (a) be in negative, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the action being taken against the officials responsible for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. The team comprising Deputy Director Agriculture, Pauri and scientists from Rani Chauri Campus of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology visited Bedgaon Village from July 14, 1996.

(b) It was observed that the farmers there are growing traditional crops like Sawan, Mandua, Urd, Maize in Kharif and Wheat, Barley, Lentil in Rabi under rainfed condition. The team suggested new farming techniques and cropping pattern for the development of the area including its suitability for Walnut and citrus plantation.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Coarse Cereal Productivity

682. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of rise/fall in the coarse cereal productivity in the country during the last three years (year-wise) and the reasons for decline, if any, in the production;

(b) What is the percentage of decline, if any, in the area under coarse cereals production during the last three years (year-wise) and the reasons for decline in the areas;

(c) the manner in which coarse cereal productivity in the country compares with the developing country standards; and

(d) what programmes has been formulated by Government to raise the coarse cereal productivity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Percentage increase/decrease in the area, production and yield under coarse cereals during the last three years is as followed :

Year	Area (million) hectare)	Production (million tonnes)	Yield (Kg./ hectare)
1993-94	32.81	30.81	939
	(-4.7)	(-15.8)	(-9.7)
1994-95	32.50	30.35	934
	(-0.9)	(-1.5)	(-0.5)
1995-96 (Prov.)	31.74	30.43	959
	(-2.3)	(+0.3)	(+2.7)

Figures in brackets indicate the percentage increase (+)/decrease (-) over the previous year.